GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1438
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ATROCITIES AGAINST DALITS
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari;Dhotre Shri Sanjay Shamrao;Gawali Smt. Bhavana Pundlikrao

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has started a Dalit help line or other alternative arrangements in the wake of atrocities committed on the Dalits and their families in the country including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the number of such cases reported and cases disposed off during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to dispose off all the pending cases;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring out any new legislation to curb the atrocities being committed against dalits during the current session of the Parliament;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the further steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a): A Help Line has been operationalised (1800118888) in the National Commission for Scheduled Castes at the headquarters in New Delhi. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and the Protection of Civil Rights Act, which are implemented by the State Governments and UT Administrations, the Union Government provides due central assistance to the States and Union Territories for strengthening the enforcement and judicial machinery, awareness generation, relief and rehabilitation of affected persons, inter-caste marriages etc.

(b) & (c): State/UT wise details of cases registered, cases charge-sheeted, cases convicted, persons arrested persons charge-sheeted and person convicted under Protection of Civil Rights Act and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act during 2004 to 2006 are enclosed at Annexure-I and II respectively. The SC/ST(Prevention of Atrocities) Act provides for Special Courts for speedy trial and Central assistance is provided under the Central Sponsored Scheme for, inter alia, strengthing the judicial machinery.

(d): No, Sir.

(e) & (f): Does not arise.